Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—You have finished that, I suppose.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I want to know what is working in your minds about the question that I raised about the admission of ladies.

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government have noted it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I wish to bring to the notice of the administration the imperative demand of this House, namely, the demand for supplementary questions to be extended to all the Members in this House and to consider also another more important aspect of reform namely, the separation of the services from the legislature altogether. The danger of having the services here has been pointed out more than once in the last Council. The danger is, Sir, that we attack the officers concerned in their respective Departments. Naturally it recoils upon us, as they are also human beings and as such are liable to a feeling of retaliation. Therefore you are exposing your people, under the present system of administration, to a great and standing danger. There are victims in this House and elsewhere who suffer on account of the criticisms levelled at the services here in this House. I want the Government not to expose the officers to such a charge, and, therefore, Sir, I emphatically ask you to consider the urgent necessity of the separation of the services from the legislature, and to install in its place proper ministers to minister unto the needs of the service as they wish, and to stand here for them and defend their cause, justify them or deal with them as they deserve to be dealt with. In order to make the Government consider this, I have tabled this motion. I don't press it.

(*The motion was withdrawn with leave of the House*).

The House rose for lunch at 2' to 2 p. m. and re-assembled at 3 p. m.

Question put:—'*That Demand No. XIII "General Administration" of Rs 60,591 minus Re. 1 be carried.*

Question put and agreed to.

President.—The Police Member is present. He is allowed to answer supplementary questions relating to his Department now.

Questions and Answers.—(Continued.)

36. **Mr. P. Krishna Menon.**—Am I to understand that no steps are taken even if the charge is not laid within a reasonable time?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—After the completion of the investigation, charges are not delayed.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I know that.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—If the investigation is not complete—there might be chances of success—then the investigation goes on until they are complete, or they

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find it is impossible, and there is no necessity to carry on the investigation.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Are any steps taken to deal with such cases?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I do not understand it.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I mean by deputing a special officer to investigate and things like that.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Not necessarily. No.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—So generally they are left to the officers concerned?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes.

37. **Mr. K. J. Antony.**—May I know how Mr. P. V. Rama Menon is better qualified?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—In giving the reasons I may have to mention the faults of other subordinates. I think the Hon'ble Member will not press me to say that.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—I want to know that.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Well, to tell you briefly, he has passed the Criminal Judicial Test and he was acting before.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Are not Messrs. Thomas and Sebastian Sub-Inspectors of first grade?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes, they are.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Under S. O. No. 1, are they not exempted from passing the test?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Then may I know what is the better qualification for Mr. Raman Menon?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Then you may ask me what the defect in others is.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Yes.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Mr. Thomas is short of hearing. So far as Mr. Sebastian is concerned, I did not feel satisfied with him; I thought that Mr. Sebastian would not make a good Prosecuting Officer. Besides he had his charge of an important station with several cases to deal with, and I did not want to disturb him. I may assure you that it was not any attempt to favour Mr. Raman Menon, if that is in your mind.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Am I to understand that there were no complaints from the Station House Officers?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—No complaints.

38. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—May I know whether there were no complaints against Ittiachen while he was on Traffic duty?

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Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—There were no complaints against him.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know what is the particular interest served by his transfer from there?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I was not satisfied with the work and the reputation he carried.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the nature of the reputation that he carries?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Not a sufficiently good officer to do that work.

40. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.**—Is there not a rule by which bus drivers should take time from the Trichur Police Station before they start?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Not take time; they give time before they start, just to show that they are starting in time.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there such a rule that they should give their time?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there also a rule that the Station House Officers should note down the time at which the buses start?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes, and they do so.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Do they, in Trichur Station, keep such a register showing the time at which they start?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—They do not keep a register, but the Head Constable on duty notes it down and makes report every day.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does he note it down in a book or in a sheet of paper?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Probably he notes it down in a book; it cannot be on a sheet of paper.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is not that book meant to be preserved, and is it preserved?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes, it is in the station.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was that book referred to when this answer was given to me?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—The question did not imply the time.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—My question was 'whether all the buses timed to start from Trichur have started on all days from 3rd Edavam 1103 to 8th Edavam'?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Yes, it is a mistake.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—So, am I to take it that the information is available if a search is made?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I should think so.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Hon'ble Member be pleased to place it before the Council?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.— Yes, I shall.

Voting of Demands for Grants.—(*Contd.*)

Demand No. XIV.—Accounts and Finance—Rs 35,299.

President.—Then Demand No. XIV, 'Accounts and Finance'.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Sir, I rise to move for an allotment of Rs. 35,299 under 'XIV, Accounts and Finance' for 1104.

The only item on which any explanation may be necessary is 'Temporary Establishment'. The necessity for strengthening the office establishment has been felt very long, and it has been made clear in the speech of the Finance Member introducing the budget estimate. I do not want to repeat them here. I may state that it is proposed to strengthen the establishment by 6 hands—two for local audit and 4 for office work—and to convert the post of the Senior Auditor to that of a Superintendent. The provision under 'Temporary Establishment' also includes the Karkadagam pay of the Special Officer for Local Audit Manual, viz., Rs. 250.

I have no other remarks to offer. I request that the allotment may be passed.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether some clerks in certain departments have not received their salary for the last two months?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Of course, I am not aware of any such cases in my Department.

Dr. A R. Menon.—This question ought to have been asked a little more earlier to the Secretary to the Diwan. Is there any in the Secretariat?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I do not think there is any. If specific instances are given, I shall find out.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Page 45 'Special Officer for Local Audit Manual'. It is not stated how long he is appointed.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—He has been appointed for three months, that is to say the establisnment will be over by the end of this month if he finishes the work.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—'Extra cost for converting the post of the Senior Auditor to that of a Superintendent.' What is it?

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